A PETITION.

To His Honor the Honorable John Beverley Robinson, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario :—

The petition of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London humbly sheweth

That your petitioners are desirous of borrowing the sum of $200,000 to pay off their floating and other indebtedness not covered by debentures already issued by them, and of issuing debentures therefor, and a special Act of the Legislature is necessary for the purpose of enabling them to do so.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honor will be pleased to assent to the passing of an Act to enable them to borrow the said sum of $200,000 and to issue debentures therefor;

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Ald. Buckle moved, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that power be asked to issue $150,000. Lost.

Ald. Hyman moved, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that His Worship the Mayor be instructed to sign the petitions.

The yeas and nays were recorded as follows:—

Yeas—Sharman, Pritchard, Taylor, Skinner, Buckle and Peel—6.

Nays—Hyman, Birrell, Hunt, O'Meara, Minhinnick, Boyd, Ferguson, Crawford, Beattie and Higgins—10.

NUMBER ONE.

Ald. Hyman (Chairman) reported from this Committee as follows:—(1) That the following accounts be paid:—J. Overell, auditor, $75; W. Moralee, potatoes, $134; total, $209; (2) That the petition of Mrs. McKay, for remission of interest on taxes, be granted; (3) That the petition of J. R. Gair, for remission of income tax, be granted; (4) That the petition of Mary Lawrence, for remission of taxes, be granted; (5) That the petition of E. C. Christie, for remission of taxes on the building occupied as the Newsboys' Home, be granted; (6) That the petition of H. G. Abbott for rebate of taxes on unoccupied stores, be granted by allowing a reduction of $10; (7) That the petitions of J. G. Sherlock, J. A. Moorehouse, J. W. Cryer and F. E. Hall, be filed; (8) Your Committee beg to report progress on the petitions of W. Regan, J. B. Simpson and R. J. Haslett.

The report was taken up clause by clause, and adopted after a motion in amendment, to refer the petition of Mr. Cryer back.

On motion of Ald. Sharman a remission was made of the taxes of Mrs. Mary Donnelly.

Ald. Hyman stated that a petition in favor of establishing a free library had been placed in his hand at a late hour, and although he was in favor of establishing such library he was unable to look up the law in the matter. He moved that the matter be referred to the new Council, which was done.

Adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, January 9th, 1883.

The City Council met last night in the Council Chamber, Mayor Meredith presiding. Ald. Pritchard, Hunt, Birrell, Hyman, Murry, Jones, Taylor, Skinner, Ferguson, Higgins, Crawford, Buckle, Beattie, Peel, Sharman, O'Meara, Macbeth, Boyd, Becher, Browne, Minhinnick.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Squire John Peters, claiming five months' salary for performing the duties of Police Magistrate. No. 1.

From D. G. Mackenzie, County Clerk of Middlesex, in reference to the terms on which indigent persons from London will be admitted to the House of Refuge at Strathroy. No. 3.

From Wm. Trafford, appealing against dog tax. No. 1.

From Alex. McIntosh, applying for the position of Weigh Scales Clerk. R. Galpin, J. H. Boke and S. Turner, to the same effect. No. 1.

From Mrs. Browne (widow), asking remission taxes. No. 1.

From Ald. Buckle, resigning his position as Alderman, owing to his being an applicant for the position of Assessor. Accepted.

From C. J. Myers, asking that his income tax be reduced from $600 to $500. No. 1.

ACCOUNTS

were referred to the appropriate Committees, as follows:—W. Williams, posting bills, $2; Edward Glackmeyer, returning officer, $15; John Bonser, do., $11; Stephen Grant, do., $8; Jas. Thornton, do., $8; James Jury, do., $10; John Fleming, do., $8; J. B. Smyth, do., $8; J M. Keary, do., $9.50; G. E. Evans, do., $8; Robert Scott, do., $8.50; Alex. Purdom, do., $15; Alex. Gunn, do., and rent of house for polling place, $24; Oswald Baines, do., $15; W. Spence, lantern, 75c; W. Williams, posting bills, $2; T. F. Kingsmill, Brussels carpet for new Police Station, $68.38; M. D. Dawson, $42.

A GIFT.

A beautifully bound volume, containing the annual statement of the city of Detroit, was presented, and on motion of Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Peel, the thanks of the Council were returned for the same

NUMBER THREE.

Ald. Hunt (Chairman) reported from this committee as follows:—(1) Your committee beg to recommend that accounts in connection with Fire Department, amounting to $2,939.57; (2) your committee beg to lay before you the annual statement of receipts and expenditures in connection with the Chief of the Fire Department; (3) that relief accounts, amounting to $664.48, be paid; (4) your committee beg to lay before you the report of Inspector Lee for the month of December, and also for the year; (5) that the account of Simpson Thompson, for window in Hide Inspector's office, amounting to $1.50, be paid; (6) your Committee beg to lay before you the Market Clerk's report for the month of December; in reference to the petition of Thomas Brock and others for a reduction of their rent, your committee would suggest that no action be taken on the same, but would recommend the new Council to advertise the fish stalls to be put up at auction at an early date; (7) that hospital accounts amounting to $964.73 be paid; (8) your Committee wish to call the attention of the Council to the many valuable suggestions contained in Dr. Wilkinson's report, and this Committee would suggest the recommendation of the same to the new Council for adoption.

The report was adopted without discussion.

NUMBER TWO.

Ald. Boyd, Chairman, reported from this committee as follows:—(1) That the following accounts be paid:—Commissioner's pay roll, $14; Messrs. Stevens, Turner & Burns, sewer traps, $12; Brown & Morris, hardware for park, $34; Parish & Payne, stove pipes, etc., for Police Station, $7; McBride & Boyd, stoves, etc., for Police Station, $128.82; T. H. Marsh, tape line, etc., $1.15; City Gas Company, log pipe, $9.12; total, $206.10; (2) that the ac-